

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A composition,

characterized in that

it comprises as active ingredients

- (a) melatonin or a derivative thereof,
- (b) ginkgo biloba and
- (c) biotin.

2. (Original) The composition as claimed in claim 1,

characterized in that

it comprises melatonin or a melatonin derivative selected from

5-methoxytryptamine, 5-methoxytryptophan, 5-methoxytryptophol,
5-methoxyindole-3-acetic acid and 6-hydroxymelatonin, and physiologically
acceptable salts, esters and complex compounds thereof.

3. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1,

characterized in that

it comprises ginkgo biloba as dry extract or/and one or more constituents
thereof.

4. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that
the concentration or active ingredients is in each case in the range between 0.0001% (by weight) and 1% (by weight) based on the total weight of the composition.

5. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that
the active ingredients are present as solution or/and dispersion in a liquid, semisolid or solid carrier system.

6. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that
it permits controlled delivery of at least one of the active ingredients.

7. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1 for pharmaceutical or/and cosmetic applications.

8. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1 as topical formulation.

9. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 7 for use in the hair.

10. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 8,
characterized in that
the transdermal absorption of at least one of the active ingredients is controllable.
11. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1 as solution, suspension, emulsion, microemulsion, nanosystem, cream, gel, lotion, spray, foam or ointment.
12. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1 in a packaging or application system selected from single-dose ampules made of plastics or glass, tubes, bottles, spray bottles, patches, sponges and textile or plastics carriers.
13. (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1 for enhancing the hair follicle-stimulating effect of melatonin through the addition of ginkgo biloba and biotin.

Claims 14-19 (Cancelled)

20. (New) A method of promoting hair growth on a subject in need of such promotion comprising applying to areas of the subject where hair growth is desired a composition comprising as active ingredients

- (a) melatonin or a derivative thereof,
 - (b) ginkgo biloba and
 - (c) biotin.
21. (New) A method of claim 20, wherein the hair growth is promoted in the prevention and or treatment of alopecia.
22. (New) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the subject is a man.
23. (New) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the subject is a woman.
24. (New) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein from 0.001 mg to 10 mg of melatonin are administered per application.
25. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein from 0.01 mg to 1 mg of melatonin are administered per application.